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OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase 44 fruit and vegetable products for donation to Needy Family and related domestic food assistance programs, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required from October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

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PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	146,080
Grape Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	3,808
Grape Juice, Ctn	12/46 fl. oz.	A	6,000
Pineapple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	23,040
Orange Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	154,224
Tomato Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	36,176
Cranberry Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	Per C.I.D.	39,032
Apple Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	136,080
Plums, Cnd	24/300	В	12,960
Apricots, Cnd	24/300	В	22,680
Mixed Fruit, Cnd	24/300	В	48,600
Fruit Cocktail, Cnd	24/300	В	14,580
Peaches, Cnd	24/300	В	95,580
Pears, Cnd	24/300	В	61,560
Pineapple, Cnd	24/300	В	37,632
Dry, Blackeye Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	13,440
Dry, Lima Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	5,040
Dry, Grt. Northern Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	40,320
Dry, Pinto Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	122,640

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	SIZE	GRADE	
Dry,Lt. Red Kidney Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	13,440
Green Beans, Cnd	24/300	В	205,740
Carrots, Cnd	24/300	A	82,620
Cream Style Corn, Cnd	24/300	В	16,200
Whole Kernel Corn, Cnd	24/300	В	195,840
Peas, Cnd	24/300	В	53,460
Sweet Potatoes, Cnd	24/300	A	3,060
Pumpkin, Cnd	24/300	A	8,100
Mixed Vegetables, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	46,980
Vegetable Soup, Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	72,600
Tomato Soup Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	35,200
Spinach, Cnd	24/300	A	14,535
Tomatoes, Cnd	24/300	В	71,280
Tomatoes, Diced, Cnd	24/300	В	6,480
Potatoes, Sliced, Cnd	24/300	A	79,562
Tomato Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	36,720
Spaghetti Sauce, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	134,460
Refried Beans, Cnd	24/300	No. 2	32,130
Vegetarian Beans, Cnd	24/300	Α	33,660
Blackeye Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	24,480
Light Red Kidney Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	10,710
Dehydrated Potatoes	12/1 lb.	Per USDA	80,000
Syrup, Corn	12/24 oz.	Per USDA	14,520
Dried Plums	24/1	В	4,500
Raisins	24/15 oz.	В	8,640

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 1406 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.